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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 20, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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In The Specification:

On page 1 of the Specification, after the title, please insert the following:

This application is a continuation of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/867,824, filed on May 30, 2001, which in turn is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/470,365 filed on December 22, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,285,945.

In The Claims:

Please replace claims 3, 4, 6, 7, 11, 12, 14 and 15, and add new claims 17 and 18 as shown below. A marked up version of the amended claims is attached to this Response.

(Second Amendment) In an adaptive speed control system for a vehicle, a method for controlling vehicle deceleration, the method comprising:

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